

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A hinge arrangement for the front door of a cabinet having a lower front edge, comprising:

a hinge body having a front portion ~~incorporating a front portion and a rear portion~~, affixed to the lower front edge of the cabinet and which carries ~~carrying~~ an upwardly projecting hinge pin, maintaining a certain spacing from the lower front edge of the cabinet and around which the front door is journaled; and

a shoe is mounted to the front portion of the hinge body according to a vertical axis, maintaining said certain spacing from the lower front edge of the cabinet, said shoe being selectively manually displaced in a direction of said axis between an inoperative position, in which it is operatively spaced from the floor that supports the cabinet, and an operative position, in which it is seated on the floor, in order to transfer to the latter the weight of the front door and to lock the cabinet against displacements on the floor.

2. (Previously Presented) The hinge arrangement as set forth in claim 1, wherein the hinge pin presents a lower portion, to be removably affixed into a corresponding bore provided in the hinge body, and an upper portion, projecting upwardly in relation to the latter.

3. (Previously Presented) The hinge arrangement as set forth in claim 2, wherein the hinge pin incorporates a median flange to be seated on the hinge body so as to define an axial bearing to support the front door.

4. (Previously Presented) The hinge arrangement as set forth in claim 2, wherein the shoe is coupled to a shoe pin that is removably affixed into a corresponding bore provided in the hinge body.

5. (Previously Presented) The hinge arrangement as set forth in claim 4, wherein the hinge pin has its lower portion rotatably locked in the hinge body when fitted inside the respective bore of the latter.
6. (Previously Presented) The hinge arrangement as set forth in claim 5, wherein the bore of the hinge body presents a lower portion of smaller diameter, and an upper portion of larger diameter and with a non-circular cross section.
7. (Previously Presented) The hinge arrangement as set forth in claim 6, wherein the lower portion of the hinge pin incorporates an enlargement which is fitted and locked against rotation inside the upper portion of the bore of the hinge body, while the lower portion of the hinge pin is fitted with a small gap inside the lower portion of the bore of the hinge body.
8. (Previously Presented) The hinge arrangement as set forth in claim 6, wherein the lower portion of the bore of the hinge body is threaded along at least part of its longitudinal extension.
9. (Previously Presented) The hinge arrangement as set forth in claim 8, wherein the shoe pin is provided with an external thread to be threaded inside the lower portion of a respective bore of the hinge body.
10. (Previously Presented) The hinge arrangement as set forth in claim 9, wherein the bores for the fixation of the hinge pin and the shoe pin are identical and disposed side by side, with their axes lying on a plane that is parallel to the lower front edge of the cabinet.
11. (Currently Amended) The hinge arrangement as set forth in claim 1, wherein the hinge body incorporates, medianly, an upper flange disposed between the [[a]] front portion and a rear portion of the hinge body, said upper flange and said rear portion being respectively seated and affixed against the lower front edge and under an adjacent lower wall portion of the cabinet.

12. (Previously Presented) The hinge arrangement as set forth in claim 11, wherein the upper flange and the rear portion of the hinge body are provided with bores for the passage of respective front screws and lower screws to be threaded into respective bores provided in the lower front edge and in the lower wall portion of the cabinet.

13. (Previously Presented) The hinge arrangement as set forth in claim 11, wherein the hinge body further carries a roller for displacing the cabinet on the floor.

14. (Previously Presented) The hinge arrangement as set forth in claim 12, wherein the roller is journaled in a lower projection of the rear portion of the hinge body.

15. (Previously Presented) The hinge arrangement as set forth in claim 1, comprising two hinge bodies secured to the lower front edge of the cabinet, one of said hinge bodies carrying a shoe and being affixed close to the end of the lower front edge turned to the opening side of the front door, and the other hinge body carrying a shoe and a hinge pin and being affixed to the end of the lower front door turned to the hinge side of the front door.